

Order

**Michigan Supreme Court
Lansing, Michigan**

November 15, 2005

Clifford W. Taylor,
Chief Justice

ADM File No. 2005-01

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Stephen J. Markman,
Justices

APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF JUDGES OF MICHIGAN COURTS

Pursuant to MCR 7.201 and MCR 8.110, IT IS ORDERED THAT the following judges are appointed as chief judges of the courts indicated for two-year terms commencing January 1, 2006:

Court of Appeals	Honorable William C. Whitbeck
1st Circuit Court	Honorable Michael R. Smith
3rd Circuit Court	Honorable Mary Beth Kelly
4th Circuit Court	Honorable Chad C. Schmucker
6th Circuit Court	Honorable Wendy Lynn Potts
7th Circuit Court	Honorable Archie L. Hayman
8th Circuit Court	Honorable Charles H. Miel
9th Circuit Court	Honorable J. Richardson Johnson
11th Circuit Court	Honorable Charles H. Stark
12th Circuit Court	Honorable Garfield W. Hood
13th Circuit Court	Honorable Thomas G. Power
14th Circuit Court	Honorable John C. Ruck
15th Circuit Court	Honorable Michael H. Cherry
16th Circuit Court	Honorable Antonio P. Viviano
17th Circuit Court	Honorable Paul J. Sullivan
18th Circuit Court	Honorable Kenneth W. Schmidt

19th Circuit Court	Honorable James M. Batzer
20th Circuit Court	Honorable Edward R. Post
22nd Circuit Court	Honorable Archie Cameron Brown
23rd Circuit Court	Honorable Ronald M. Bergeron
24th Circuit Court	Honorable Donald A. Teeple
25th Circuit Court	Honorable John R. Weber
26th Circuit Court	Honorable John F. Kowalski
27th Circuit Court	Honorable Anthony A. Monton
28th Circuit Court	Honorable Charles D. Corwin
29th Circuit Court	Honorable Jeffrey L. Martlew
30th Circuit Court	Honorable William E. Collette
31st Circuit Court	Honorable Daniel J. Kelly
32nd Circuit Court	Honorable Roy D. Gotham
33rd Circuit Court	Honorable Richard M. Pajtas
34th Circuit Court	Honorable Michael J. Baumgartner
35th Circuit Court	Honorable Gerald D. Lostracco
36th Circuit Court	Honorable Paul E. Hamre
37th Circuit Court	Honorable Allen L. Garbrecht
38th Circuit Court	Honorable Michael W. LaBeau
39th Circuit Court	Honorable Harvey A. Koselka
40th Circuit Court	Honorable Nick O. Holowka

41st Circuit Court, Dickinson and Menominee Counties	Honorable Mary Brouillette Barglind
42nd Circuit Court	Honorable Thomas L. Ludington
43rd Circuit Court	Honorable Michael E. Dodge
44th Circuit Court	Honorable Stanley J. Latreille
45th Circuit Court	Honorable Paul E. Stutesman
47th Circuit Court	Honorable Stephen T. Davis
48th Circuit Court	Honorable George R. Corsiglia
49th Circuit Court	Honorable Scott P. Hill-Kennedy
50th Circuit Court	Honorable Nicholas J. Lambros
51st Circuit Court, Mason County	Honorable Richard I. Cooper
52nd Circuit Court	Honorable M. Richard Knoblock
53rd Circuit Court	Honorable Scott Lee Pavlich
54th Circuit Court	Honorable Patrick Reed Joslyn
55th Circuit Court	Honorable Thomas R. Evans
56th Circuit Court	Honorable Thomas S. Eveland
57th Circuit Court	Honorable Charles W. Johnson
1st District Court	Honorable Jack Vitale
2A District Court	Honorable James E. Sheridan
2B District Court	Honorable Donald L. Sanderson
3A District Court	Honorable David T. Coyle
4th District Court	Honorable Paul E. Deats

7th District Court	Honorable Robert T. Hentchel
8th District Court	Honorable Richard A. Santoni
10th District Court	Honorable John R. Holmes
12th District Court	Honorable R. Darryl Mazur
14A District Court	Honorable J. Cedric Simpson
14B District Court	Honorable John B. Collins
15th District Court	Honorable Ann E. Mattson
16th District Court	Honorable Kathleen J. McCann
17th District Court	Honorable Karen Khalil
18th District Court	Honorable C. Charles Bokos
19th District Court	Honorable Mark W. Somers
20th District Court	Honorable Mark J. Plawecki
21st District Court	Honorable Richard L. Hammer, Jr.
22nd District Court	Honorable Sylvia A. James
23rd District Court	Honorable William J. Sutherland
24th District Court	Honorable John T. Courtright
25th District Court	Honorable David J. Zelenak
26th District Court	Honorable Raymond A. Charron
27th District Court	Honorable Randy L. Kalmbach
28th District Court	Honorable James A. Kandrevas
29th District Court	Honorable Laura Redmond Mack
30th District Court	Honorable Brigette R. Officer

31st District Court	Honorable Paul J. Paruk
32A District Court	Honorable Roger J. La Rose
33rd District Court	Honorable Michael K. McNally
34th District Court	Honorable Tina Brooks Green
35th District Court	Honorable John E. MacDonald
36th District Court	Honorable Marylin E. Atkins
37th District Court	Honorable Walter A. Jakubowski, Jr.
38th District Court	Honorable Norene S. Redmond
39th District Court	Honorable Marco A. Santia
40th District Court	Honorable Mark A. Fratacangeli
41A District Court	Honorable Stephen S. Sierawski
41B District Court	Honorable Linda Davis
42nd District Court	Honorable Paul Cassidy
43rd District Court	Honorable Keith P. Hunt
44th District Court	Honorable Daniel Sawicki
45A District Court	Honorable William R. Sauer
45B District Court	Honorable David M. Gubow
46th District Court	Honorable Stephen C. Cooper
47th District Court	Honorable Marla E. Parker
48th District Court	Honorable Diane D'Agostini
50th District Court	Honorable Leo Bowman

51st District Court	Honorable Phyllis C. McMillen
52nd District Court	Honorable William E. Bolle
53rd District Court	Honorable A. John Pikkarainen
54A District Court	Honorable Frank J. DeLuca
54B District Court	Honorable David L. Jordon
55th District Court	Honorable Rosemarie Elizabeth Aquilina
56A District Court	Honorable Harvey J. Hoffman
57th District Court	Honorable Stephen E. Sheridan
58th District Court	Honorable Susan A. Jonas
59th District Court	Honorable Peter P. Versluis
60th District Court	Honorable Andrew Wierengo
61st District Court	Honorable Ben H. Logan, II
62A District Court	Honorable Steven M. Timmers
62B District Court	Honorable William G. Kelly
63rd District Court	Honorable Sara J. Smolenski
64A District Court	Honorable Raymond P. Voet
64B District Court	Honorable Donald R. Hemingsen
65A District Court	Honorable Richard D. Wells
65B District Court	Honorable James B. Mackie
66th District Court	Honorable Ward L. Clarkson
67th District Court	Honorable Mark C. McCabe
68th District Court	Honorable Archie L. Hayman

70th District Court	Honorable Kyle Higgs Tarrant
71A District Court	Honorable Nick O. Holowka
71B District Court	Honorable Kim David Glaspie
72nd District Court	Honorable Cynthia Siemen Platzer
73A District Court	Honorable James A. Marcus
73B District Court	Honorable Karl E. Kraus
74th District Court	Honorable Craig D. Alston
75th District Court	Honorable John Henry Hart
77th District Court	Honorable Susan H. Grant
78th District Court	Honorable H. Kevin Drake
79th District Court, Mason County	Honorable Peter J. Wadel
80th District Court	Honorable Gary J. Allen
81st District Court	Honorable Allen C. Yenior
82nd District Court	Honorable Richard E. Noble
83rd District Court	Honorable Daniel L. Sutton
84th District Court	Honorable David A. Hogg
85th District Court	Honorable Brent V. Danielson
86th District Court	Honorable John D. Foresman
88th District Court	Honorable. Theodore O. Johnson
89th District Court	Honorable Harold A. Johnson, Jr.
90th District Court	Honorable Richard W. May

91st District Court	Honorable Michael W. MacDonald
92nd District Court	Honorable Beth Gibson
93rd District Court	Honorable Mark E. Luoma
94th District Court	Honorable Glenn A. Pearson
95A District Court	Honorable Jeffrey G. Barstow
95B District Court, Dickinson County	Honorable Michael J. Kusz
96th District Court	Honorable Dennis H. Girard
97th District Court	Honorable Phillip L. Kukkonen
98th District Court	Honorable Anders B. Tingstad, Jr.
Grosse Pte. Municipal Court	Honorable Russell F. Ethridge
Grosse Pte. Farms Municipal Court	Honorable Matthew R. Rumora
Grosse Pte. Park Municipal Court	Honorable Carl F. Jarboe
Grosse Pte. Woods Municipal Court	Honorable Lynne A. Pierce
Alcona County Probate Court	Honorable James H. Cook
Allegan County Probate Court	Honorable Michael L. Buck
Alpena County Probate Court	Honorable Douglas A. Pugh
Antrim County Probate Court	Honorable Norman R. Hayes
Arenac County Probate Court	Honorable Jack William Scully
Baraga County Probate Court	Honorable Timothy S. Brennan
Bay County Probate Court	Honorable Karen Tighe
Benzie County Probate Court	Honorable Nancy A. Kida
Branch County Probate Court	Honorable Frederick L. Wood

Calhoun County Probate Court	Honorable Gary K. Reed
Cass County Probate Court	Honorable Susan L. Dobrich
Cheboygan County Probate Court	Honorable Robert John Butts
Chippewa County Probate Court	Honorable Lowell R. Ulrich
Clinton County Probate Court	Honorable Lisa Sullivan
Delta County Probate Court	Honorable Robert E. Goebel, Jr.
Dickinson County Probate Court	Honorable Thomas D. Slagle
Eaton County Probate Court	Honorable Michael F. Skinner
Genesee County Probate Court	Honorable Allen J. Nelson
Gogebic County Probate Court	Honorable Joel L. Massie
Grand Traverse County Probate Court	Honorable David L. Stowe
Gratiot County Probate Court	Honorable Jack T. Arnold
Hillsdale County Probate Court	Honorable Michael E. Nye
Houghton County Probate Court	Honorable Charles R. Goodman
Huron County Probate Court	Honorable David L. Clabuesch
Ingham County Probate Court	Honorable R. George Economy
Ionia County Probate Court	Honorable Robert Sykes, Jr.
Iosco County Probate Court	Honorable John D. Hamilton
Jackson County Probate Court	Honorable Susan E. Vandercook
Kalamazoo County Probate Court	Honorable Donald R. Halstead
Kent County Probate Court	Honorable Janet A. Haynes

Keweenaw County Probate Court	Honorable James G. Jaaskelainen
Lapeer County Probate Court	Honorable Justus C. Scott
Leelanau County Probate Court	Honorable Joseph E. Deegan
Lenawee County Probate Court	Vacant
Livingston County Probate Court	Honorable Susan L. Reck
Macomb County Probate Court	Honorable Pamela Gilbert O’Sullivan
Manistee County Probate Court	Honorable John R. DeVries
Marquette County Probate Court	Honorable Michael J. Anderegg
Mason County Probate Court	Honorable Mark D. Raven
Menominee County Probate Court	Honorable William A. Hupy
Midland County Probate Court	Honorable Dorene S. Allen
Missaukee County Probate Court	Honorable Charles R. Parsons
Monroe County Probate Court	Honorable John A. Hohman, Jr.
Montcalm County Probate Court	Honorable Edward L. Skinner
Montmorency County Prob. Court	Honorable Michael G. Mack
Muskegon County Probate Court	Honorable Neil G. Mullally
Newaygo County Probate Court	Honorable Graydon W. Dimkoff
Oakland County Probate Court	Honorable Barry M. Grant
Oceana County Probate Court	Honorable Walter A. Urick
Ogemaw County Probate Court	Honorable Eugene I. Turkelson
Ontonagon County Probate Court	Honorable Joseph D. Zeleznik
Oscoda County Probate Court	Honorable Kathryn Joan Root

Ottawa County Probate Court	Honorable Mark A. Feyen
Presque Isle Co. Prob. Court	Honorable Kenneth A. Radzibon
Roscommon County Probate Court	Honorable Douglas C. Dosson
Saginaw County Probate Court	Honorable Faye M. Harrison
St. Clair County Probate Court	Honorable Elwood L. Brown
St. Joseph County Probate Court	Honorable Thomas E. Shumaker
Sanilac County Probate Court	Honorable R. Terry Maltby
Shiawassee County Probate Court	Honorable James R. Clatterbaugh
Tuscola County Probate Court	Honorable W. Wallace Kent, Jr.
Van Buren County Probate Court	Honorable Frank D. Willis
Washtenaw County Probate Court	Honorable Archie Cameron Brown
Wayne County Probate Court	Honorable Milton L. Mack, Jr.
Wexford County Probate Court	Honorable Kenneth L. Tacoma
Alger/Schoolcraft Probate Dist. 5	Honorable William W. Carmody
Luce/Mackinac Probate Dist. 6	Honorable Thomas B. North
Charlevoix/Emmet Probate Dist. 7	Honorable Frederick R. Mulhauser
Clare/Gladwin Probate Dist. 17	Honorable Thomas P. McLaughlin
Mecosta/Osceola Probate Dist. 18	Honorable LaVail E. Hull

IT IS ORDERED that the following judge is appointed chief judge for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2006:

10 th Circuit Court	Honorable Leopold P. Borrello
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IT IS ORDERED that the following judge is appointed chief judge for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2007:

10th Circuit Court

Honorable Robert L. Kaczmarek

IT IS ORDERED that the following judge is appointed chief judge for a term commencing January 1, 2006, through September 30, 2006:

3B District Court

Honorable William D. Welty

IT IS ORDERED that the following judge is appointed chief judge for a term commencing October 1, 2006, through December 31, 2007.

3B District Court

Honorable Jeffrey C. Middleton

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the chief judges of the following courts operating according to a plan of concurrent jurisdiction pursuant to 2002 PA 678 are appointed as follows, for the two-year period commencing January 1, 2006:

Barry County Trial Court

Honorable James H. Fisher

5th Circuit Court

56B District Court

Barry County Probate Court

Berrien County Trial Court

Honorable Paul L. Maloney

2nd Circuit Court

5th District Court

Berrien County Probate Court

Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Trial Court

Honorable Patricia A. Morse

46th Circuit Court

87th District Court

Crawford County Probate Court

Kalkaska County Probate Court

Otsego County Probate Court

Iron County Trial Court

Honorable C. Joseph Schwedler

41st Circuit Court, Iron County

95B District Court, Iron County

Iron County Probate Court

Isabella County Trial Court

Honorable Paul H. Chamberlain

21st Circuit Court

76th District Court
Isabella County Probate Court

Lake County Trial Court
51st Circuit Court, Lake County
79th District Court, Lake County
Lake County Probate Court

Honorable Mark S. Wickens

CAVANAGH, J. (*dissenting*). I dissent from this Court's appointment of Chief Judge for the Third Circuit Court. I do not disagree that the current chief judge, whom a majority of this Court selected for the past two terms, has done a good job in administering that court. I believe, however, that after two complete terms, that position should devolve to Judge Robert J. Colombo who, again, has received the overwhelming support of over three-quarters of his colleagues.

Judge Robert J. Colombo, Jr., was elected to the Wayne County Circuit Court in November 1982 and took office on January 1, 1983. His first major administrative responsibility was to serve on a committee that formulated a plan for converting the Wayne County Circuit Court docket from a master calendar to an individual calendar. In 1985, Judge Colombo chaired a subcommittee that came up with the concept of a Docket Review Committee. The purpose of the committee was to instruct judges on proper case management techniques, set goals, and ensure that judges' dockets did not become backlogged. Judge Colombo chaired the Docket Review Committee three different times under three different chief judges, including Richard Kaufman, James Rashid, and Mary Beth Kelly. Initially, his extensive responsibilities were to make certain that judges were properly trained regarding the individual calendar system, and to make certain they met the goals of the Docket Review Committee. Thereafter, he was called back to chair the committee two additional times after the dockets had fallen into disrepair.

As a result of Judge Colombo's work on the Docket Review Committee, he has extensive experience in training new judges on proper case management techniques, and in managing dockets in different divisions. He also ran a training program when the Detroit Recorder's Court was merged into Wayne Circuit Court. As a result of these experiences, his colleagues have come to trust and rely upon Judge Colombo. He often is consulted by his colleagues with respect to issues that arise in the courtroom.

In 1985, Judge Colombo was a member of a committee that created the successful individual calendar for the civil and family cases in Wayne County. Of two proposed plans, Judge Colombo's plan was ultimately selected and is still in operation today.

In 1990, Judge Colombo was Chair of the Chief Judge/Court Administrator Manual Revision Committee that drafted the Michigan Court Administration Reference Guide for the State Court Administrative Office.

In 1993, the Michigan Supreme Court assigned all breast implant cases in the state of Michigan to the Wayne Circuit Court, with the understanding that the docket would be managed by Judge James Mies and Judge Robert Colombo. With Judge Mies's instruction, Judge Colombo primarily handled that docket until most of the cases were resolved by either the bankruptcy of Dow Corning or the global settlement in the federal class action. Judge Colombo tried one of the most complex cases in the history of Michigan involving Dow Corning's declaratory judgment insurance coverage case with 50 insurance company defendants and over \$1 billion of coverage at issue.

During the mid 1990s, Judge Colombo was selected to sit on the Mass Tort Litigation Committee, a committee comprised of state judges, who dealt with complex litigation and met periodically to train other judges on the methods for handling complex litigation.

Because of Judge Colombo's experience and organizational skills, he has handled the Wayne County Asbestos Docket for almost 14 years. He has recently implemented electronic service of documents on the asbestos docket.

Around 2000, Judge Colombo was also selected by the Michigan Supreme Court to handle a class action brought against Microsoft for overcharging on its software products under the Michigan Antitrust Act.

The Michigan Supreme Court also has shown confidence in Judge Colombo by appointing him as a special master to review disciplinary files to determine if there were any discoverable materials in those files.

In 2005, Judge Colombo assisted in creating a new case management system for the Wayne County Juvenile Division. He chaired a subcommittee that drafted a scheduling order.

At the request of a Michigan Supreme Court justice and the Chief Judge of the Wayne Circuit Court, Judge Colombo will be leading a team of attorneys to conduct an audit of child protection cases to determine whether the orders entered in those cases comply with Title IV-E. Significant federal funding is at stake because an audit of the juvenile files will begin in March 2006. As part of his responsibility, Judge Colombo has been asked to move to the Juvenile Division and assist in the implementation of the new case management system that will begin January 1, 2006. He also has been requested to hear all motions for adjournments of trials.

In the past, Judge Colombo has served as the presiding judge of the civil division. He also has served on numerous committees dealing with court administration and the hiring of court administration personnel.

In light of this most impressive record of service, much of which has been at the request of this Court, I would heed the clear preference of the overwhelming majority of Third Circuit judges and honor Judge Colombo's request to serve as chief judge. Alternatively, in the interest of transition, I could support the reappointment of Judge Kelly for one year with Judge Colombo as chief judge pro tem, with those roles being reversed the following year.

I also dissent from the appointment of Judge Somers as chief judge of the 19th District Court. I would maintain the status quo by continuing Judge Foran as chief judge and would appoint Judge Wygonik as chief judge pro tem.

WEAVER, J. I would make no appointment for the chief judge of the 3rd Circuit Court (Wayne County) for 2006-2007 until such time as a final decision is made in *Third Judicial Circuit Court v The Judicial Attorneys Ass'n*, Docket Nos. 129500 & 129501, now pending on application for leave to appeal in this Court.

In addition to voting for Judge Stanley J. Latreille for chief judge of the 44th Circuit Court (Livingston County), I would appoint Judge Susan Reck as presiding judge of the family division in that circuit.

I support all the other chief judge appointments, including the 16th Circuit Court (Macomb County).

MARKMAN, J. I concur in the appointment of Chief Judge Redmond of the 38th District Court only because I am persuaded by her statements on her website that she appreciates that "early release" decisions are not properly determined by web polls.



I, Corbin R. Davis, Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the order entered at the direction of the Court.

November 15, 2005

Corbin R. Davis
Clerk